



USDA Fall Data Users' Meeting
October 13-14, 2021
Live Webinar – *All times are Eastern*

AGENDA

Day 1 – October 13

- 12:00pm **Welcome and Overview**
Joe Parsons, National Agricultural Statistics Service
- 12:10pm **Agency Updates**
Agricultural Marketing Service
Economic Research Service
Foreign Agricultural Service
Farm Service Agency
World Agricultural Outlook Board
U.S. Census Bureau
National Agricultural Statistics Service
- 12:50pm **Break**
- 1:00pm **Breakout Session #1**
- 1:55pm **Break**
- 2:05pm **Breakout Session #2**
- 3:00pm **End**

Day 1 Breakout Sessions

Day 1 – October 13		
<i>All times Eastern</i>	Session A	Session B
1:00pm	AgTransport Platform <i>Agricultural Marketing Service</i>	Foreign Production, Trade, and Import/Export Data <i>World Agricultural Outlook Board, Foreign Agricultural Service, and U.S. Census Bureau</i>
1:55pm	10 Minute Break	
2:05pm	Milk Production Program <i>National Agricultural Statistics Service</i>	Showcasing ERS Data and New Initiatives <i>Economic Research Service</i>

Day 2 – October 14

12:00pm	Open Forum - Questions and comments from participants
1:20pm	Break
1:30pm	Breakout Session #3
2:10pm	Break
2:20pm	Breakout Session #4
3:00pm	End

Day 2 Breakout Sessions

Day 2 – October 14		
<i>All times Eastern</i>	Session A	Session B
1:30pm	Data and Programs Assisting Our Nation's Producers During the 2021 Western Drought <i>World Agricultural Outlook Board</i>	Market News <i>Agricultural Marketing Service</i>
2:10pm	10 Minute Break	
2:20pm	NASS Modernization <i>National Agricultural Statistics Service</i>	Building Country Capacity with the Global Agricultural & Disaster Assessment System <i>Foreign Agricultural Service</i>

Breakout Session Descriptions

Day 1 Breakout Sessions – October 13, 2021

Breakout #1 – 1:00 p.m. – 1:55 p.m. ET

Session A

AgTransport Platform – Agricultural Marketing Service

The AMS AgTransport platform provides up-to-date access to USDA transportation data (rail, truck, barge, ocean vessel, and containers) that can help inform timely marketing decisions about moving agricultural products across the country and around the world. Join us as we demonstrate how usable, shareable, accessible, and discoverable agricultural transportation datasets are. In this session, we will explore numerous dashboards and datasets, customized visualizations, open formatting, and easily accessible API's to help quickly put USDA's data to work for you.

Session B

Foreign Production, Trade, and Import/Export Data – Foreign Agricultural Service, World Agricultural Outlook Board, and U.S. Census Bureau

These agencies collect, report and forecast U.S. goods trade, Export Sales data, and U.S. and Foreign, production supply and demand for major commodities. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and understand the respective agencies' programs, procedures and systems to access the data efficiently.

Breakout #2 – 2:05 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET

Session A

Milk Production Program – National Agricultural Statistics Service

This session will provide the details of the entire process used by NASS in determining milk production estimates. This will include detailed descriptions of procedures used from sampling through estimation, along with information regarding how NASS incorporates administrative data.

Session B

Showcasing ERS Data and New Initiatives – Economic Research Service

This session will highlight two sets of data products, the Meat Price Spreads Data and Commodity Costs and Returns Reports, as well as a new initiative linking food acquisition and nutrition data.

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Breakout #3 – 1:30 p.m. – 2:10 p.m. ET

Session A

Data and Programs Assisting Our Nation's Producers During the 2021 Western Drought – World Agricultural Outlook Board

Large portions of the West have been experiencing significant periods of drought off and on for more than two decades, leading it to be referred to as a “Mega Drought”. The longevity of the current drought, combined with a warmer climate and increased competition for limited water resources, has not only caused direct losses to producers but also raises questions about the future of agriculture in many communities in its present form. Today’s breakout session will provide an overview of the still-evolving drought, the prospects for improvement, and why this event stands out amongst others for its severity. The information used in these determinations will be introduced, including those identifying the changing conditions noted in recent decades, along with other information producers may find useful as they prepare for future droughts.

Session B

Market News – Agricultural Marketing Service

Market News provides unbiased, timely price and volume information to facilitate the marketing and distribution of farm commodities and products. Please plan to join us for this breakout session to learn about new Market News initiatives and get the latest updates on the My Market News platform. Most importantly, we want to hear from you! AMS always welcomes your feedback and questions about the AMS Market News program, data, and reports.

Breakout #4 – 2:20 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET

Session A

NASS Modernization – National Agricultural Statistics Service

NASS has embarked on an effort to modernize accessing NASS data and reports faster, friendlier, and easier. Join us at this session to learn about the latest updates.

Session B

Building Country Capacity with the Global Agricultural & Disaster Assessment System – Foreign Agricultural Service

The Global Agricultural & Disaster Assessment System (GADAS) is an interactive web-based geospatial platform by the Foreign Agricultural Service. This online Geographic Information System (GIS) captures and shares near real-time weather and natural disaster data, combined with spatially explicit global agricultural information, enabling analysts and other private and public stakeholders to conduct data mining, perform comparative analysis, and create publication-ready maps, charts, or tables. GADAS provides authoritative satellite-derived Earth observation data to support collaboration in regional and field-based assessments of agricultural conditions.